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SUBJ: VISIT OF PAKISTANI VICE-MINISTER OF COMMERCE TO JAPAN

1. PAKISTANI VICE MIN OF COMMERCE IS PRESENTLY VISITING
JAPAN FOR TALKS WITH BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS.
ON FEB 6 ENDO, HEAD, SOUTHWEST ASIA DIV, FONOFF,
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF THE VISIT:

2. ONE PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE BUSINESS-
MEN A PROBLEM INVOLVING PAKISTAN'S IMPOSITION SOMETIME AGO,
AS AN ANTI-INFLATIONARY MEASURE, OF EXPORT DUTIES ON COTTON
YARNS AND FABRICS. PROBLEM IS WHETHER SUPPLIERS OR BUYERS
SHOULD BEAR ADDED COST OF EXPORT DUTY.

3. HOWEVER, MAIN PURPOSE OF PAKISTANIS IS TO OBTAIN BETTER
BALANCE IN GOJ POLICIES TOWARDS PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. GOP
FEELS, WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION, ACCORDING TO ENDO, THAT
GOJ POLICY FAVORS BANGLADESH (AND INDIA) VIS-A-VIS PAKISTAN,
AND GOP IS NOW WORKING TO CORRECT THIS IMBALANCE. ONE
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MOVE BY GOP HAS BEEN TO APPOINT ONE OF ITS MOST CAPABLE

AMBASSADORS TO JAPAN. ANOTHER MOVE, WHICH ENDO STRESSED
SHOULD BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, IS A REQUEST BY GOP THAT
GOJ AGREE TO GOP FONMIN'S VISIT TO JAPAN SOMETIME THIS YEAR.
AS GOJ WANTS TO BALANCE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE TWO COUNTRIES,
ENDO SAID, IT HAS AGREED TO THE GOP REQUEST.
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